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TWO MOTORCYCLES STOLEN VIA INTERNET ADS

On Wednesday July 18, 2018, in two separate incidents, a New Haven resident and an Orange resident reported that someone had stolen their motorcycles after they had been brought to Trumbull to sell.

The sellers placed ads on *OfferUp* each looking to sell their off-road type motorcycles. They were each contacted by a local male who claimed he was interested in purchasing the vehicles. They each agreed to set up a meet at two separate addresses, one on Wilson Ave. and the other on Green St., both in Trumbull, to make the purchase.

When the sellers met at the prearranged location, the prospective buyer asked to take the motorcycle for a test ride. The seller on Wilson Ave. told the prospective buyer no. When he pushed the issue, the prospective buyer lifted his shirt and displayed a handgun stuffed into his waistband, he then rode off on the vehicle and never returned. The seller on Green St. started the motorcycle and allowed the prospective buyer to sit on it. The prospective buyer then left on the vehicle and never returned. Both incidents reportedly took place about one hour apart.

OfferUp is an online website that is commonly used to connect buyers and sellers through the internet, using a minimal exchange of identification. Trumbull Police are warning area residents to use caution with such websites, since several similar thefts have occurred recently when these sales meetings were arranged at public locations. For additional information on safety and precautions when using internet site to make purchases or exchanges, go to; www.craigslist.org/about/safety

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